THE GRAND ARMY.

Proceedings of Six Department Encampments---The Record of New Posts.

Our Grand Army columns are again crowded with interesting news this week. Among the special features are reports of the annual Encampments of the following Departments: Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Kansas, and California. That of Massachusetts was held at Boston on Monday and Tuesday last, the Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Illinois Encampments took place yesterday, and the New Hampshire Engampment will convene to-day. Among those announced for the near future are the following: Maine, Auburn, Feb. 8th; Vermont, Bennington, Feb. 8 9th; Nebraska, Lincoln, Feb. 20-21st, and Oregon, Portland, Feb. 22d. It will be noticed that active steps are being taken to build up the Order in New Mexico, and it is probable that at no distant day that Territory will be organized into a separate Department. Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoora is still in the Fast. Last week he attended the annual Encampments at Trenton and Troy, and thence proceeded to Boston.

MAINE.

Department Commander Augustus B. Farnham has issued General Order, No. 10, which sets forth that the sixteenth annual Encampment of the Department of Maine will be held at Auburn Hall, Auburn, on Tuesday, February 6th, at 10 a. m., instead of Thursday, February 8th, as heretefore announced, for the partaken of ice cream and cake, drank their election of Department officers and to transact any business that may properly come before it. | chairs prepared to participate in the post-The Commander of Burnside Post, 47, of Auburn, is detailed to make all necessary arrangements for the encampment. The following Posts have been organized since the issue of | win Metcalf, formerly in command of the regi-General Order, No. 8: George H. Davis Post, | ment, who made a capital speech, replete with 64. Brooks, December 11, 1882—Commander, Albert H. Rose: Adi't, John W. Lang: Q. M., Samuel Foss. Meetings, first and third Mondays every month. William A. Barrows Post, 65, West Summer, December 16, 1882-Commander, Hiram S. Coburn; Adj't, Llewellyn B. Heald; Q. M., David Andrews. Meetings, secand Saturday each month. Buckfield Post, 43, to the former commanding officers of the regi-S. Bridgham; Adj't, Alphonzo F. Warren; Q. M. Clinton Ripley. Night of meeting, first | sion of Colonel Parkhurst's remarks, the Adjuthe surrender of the charter and property of the passage of a bill appropriating \$2,500 to Herbert Post, 43, Richmond, during the past | enable the Adjutant-General to collect and prequarter. The resignation of Comrade W. J. serve all obtainable war records relating to the Spaulding, as Judge Advocate of the Depart. State. After remarks by several comrades favtendered on account of the above disbandment rades I. S. Bangs, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Rev. I. M. Foster, Chaplain-in-Chief, are expected to be present at the encampment and give a history of their visits to other Departments. Since the last annual meeting held at Gardiner, February 8, 1882, fifteen new Posts have been added to the Department, and one has disbanded, leaving a total gain of fourteen Posts and 1,200 members, besides two Posts not yet reported, and the increase during the present month. There are now sixty-five Posts | were General Charnley of Connecticut, Genand over 4,200 members in good standing in | eral E. H. Rhodes, Commander P. S. Chase, and

Post, No. 29, Wells, Me., were installed on the 22d ult, by Past Post Commander C. H. Smith: Commander, G. R. Littlefield; S. V. C., Edwin Hill; J. V. C., Lewis Hatch; Chaplain, John Hilling; O. D., Alonzo Hubbard; Adj't, E. J. Getchell: Q. M., Downing Hatch; Q. M. S., P. H. Ricker; S. M., Sewell Goodwin; O. G., C. H. Smith: Delegate to Department Encampment, John Hilling; Alternate, Lewis Hatch,

Comrade A. H. Hutchinson writes us that a new Post has been established at Fort Fair-

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

General Orders, No. 10, Department of New Hampshire, have been issued from Lake Village by Department Commander Martin A. Haynes, Natt Shackford Assistant Adjutant General. They set forth that the annual Encampment of this Department will convene at Moore's Opera House, Lake Village, Thursday Feb. 1st (to-day). Officers and members will report upon their arrival, and present their credentials, and the roll of the Encampment will be called at 3 o'clock p. m. The Commander of Post 36 will detail an Officer of the Day, Officer port to the Assistant Adjutant General for duty at the Encampment. Grand Army men are warned against one Frank D. Harrington, a dropped member of Perley Post, No. 37, of Laconia, who has been imposing upon and defrauding members of the Order in Massachu-

VERMONT.

Comrade H. H. Tilley, St. Georges, Vermont, writes us that at the last meeting of Cummings Post, No. 37, officers were installed by Past Post Commander A. H. Weed. An incident of the meeting was the presence of Comrade F. F. Sybold, a resident of Scroon, New York, who drives every year a distance of seventy miles to visit his Post and pay his dues. Quartermaster A. C. Jordain reported a Post fund of \$43.90 and a charity fund of \$32.50, which, Comrade Tilley writes, is a very good showing for "a Post located twelve miles from everybody." Arrangements are on foot for a series of Camp-fires.

C. C. Kinzmer, Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of Vermont, visited Daniel Lillie Post, No. 61, Bethel, Vermont, Saturday evening, January 20th, and installed the following officers: Commander, C. C. Smith; S. V. C., D. M. Clough; J. V. C., A. G. Burns; Adj't, F. J. Hutchins; Surgeon, M. N. Kendall; S. M., F. A. Chadwick; Chaplain, W. P. Durkee; O. G., H. A. Rodgers; S. M., W. H. Edmonds; Q. M. S., W. C. Rice. Though about the youngest in the State, the Post is rapidly taking a front

CONNECTICUT.

A meeting preliminary to the establishment of a Post was held on the 18th ult. at West Ennever, Joseph Harper, Geo. Babcock, Dennis Costello, James S. Hyde, James E. McGuire, Robert Wallace, Thomas Wallace, Dewitt Bradlev. John Hartshorne, Henry Hartshorne, Frank Hurlburt, Geo. Wolcott, Everett Hall, James C. Hyde, Nathan Hale, Theodore Durand, Wm. Evens, Edward Royce, Adrian Heightman and Joseph B. Thomson, and all favored the proposed muster.

Comrade William H. Relyea, New Britian, Conn., writes us that Stanley Post, No. 11, at that place six months ago was languishing and had scarcely fifty members, at which figure it had stood for a long time. Now, however, all this is changed. A fresh enthusiasm has sprung up. There are over 100 on the rolls and the Post is flourishing.

RHODE ISLAND.

The annual Encampment of the Department of Rhode Island was held at Providence on the 25th ult., and was called to order by Department Commander Henry F. Jencks, prayer being offered by Chaplain Daniel C. Easton. Fifty-three officers and delegates were present. The usual reports were presented. That of the Assistant Adjutant General showed that one new Post-Brunswick No. 2, of Shannock Millshad been organized since the last Encampment and that there had been a very gratifying increase of membership. Resolutions were adopted in honor of the memory of the late General Burnside and Past Department Commander W. H. P. Steere, and calling upon the Legislature to make an appropriation for the care of the records of the Rhode Island volunteer regiments, now in the Adjutant General's Office, Comrades E. H. Rhodes, Horatio Rogers and J. M. Addeman were appointed a committee to present the matter to the Legislature. The following officers were then elected for the Debts. ensuing year: Department Commander, Philip S. Chase, Post No. 1, Providence. Senior Vice | the second day of the session. Department Commander, Andrew McMahon, Post No. 5, Newport. Junior Vice Department of Troy; Bullard, of New York; Reynolds, of | tions. By druggists.

Westerly, Medical Director, Dr. Willard H. of Seneca Falls. No. 10; A. Gallatin Lawrence, Post No. 5. The Copeland, of Friendship. mander, Henry F. Jencks, and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to procure and | 349 votes and Keith 122. present to Comrade Jencks a suitable testimonial. The thanks of the Encampment were also hall, and to the comrades who acted as officer of the day, officer of the guard, and sentinels. The officers-elect were duly installed by Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief E. H. Rhodes. The following appointments were made by the new Department Commander: A. A. G., W. J. Bradford; A. Q. M. G., C. Henry Alexander; J. | Farquhar. J. M. Addeman; Ins., Chas. G. A. Peterson; M. O., Geo. W. Cole. Department Commander Chase brings to his office a large experience, and his comrades regard his promotion as well deserved by long and faithful service in the Order. In the evening the regimental Reunions were held in Lyceum and Prescott Post Halls. At the former the Eleventh Rhode Island held its twentieth annual Reunion. All the companies were well represented, as also were the officers who have served with the command at various times. Three tables were set the entire length of the hall, and were amply laden with prime clam chowder. Ansel D. Nickerson, President of the Eleventh Rhode

ties, and after a blessing by Comrade J. C. time had nearly made an end of the chowder, coffee, lighted cigars and leaned back in their prandial exercises, at which Adjutant Robert 'essenden served as master of ceremonies. The first speaker introduced was Colonel Edsound suggestions. Captain Mowry followed, with impromptu remarks, concluding by reading an original historical narrative of regimental experience. The next speaker introduced was Colonel Parkhurst, also formerly an officer of the regiment, and who gave further reminiscences, more particularly with reference Colonels Rogers and Church. At the conclu-

The following officers of Abraham Lincoln

field, Maine, with H. O. Perry as Commander.

NEW YORK.

There are between 150 and 175 members,

Eugene A. Corey. Among the invited guests

Assistant Adjutant-General William J. Brad-

ford of the Department of Rhode Island, G. A.

most important items being the establishment

of the assessment at fifty cents and the adop-

Then came the Camp-fire with all the name

implies, the serving of rations and revival of

pleasant reminiscences of the camp and field.

The annual Encampment of the Department of New York was held at Troy on the 24th and 25th ult. Among the distinguished visitors was Commander-in-chief Paul Van Dervoort. It was called to order by James S. Fraser, Department Commander. A call of the Posts revealed only thirty not represented. The first | following officers: Commander, C. A. Sprague; matter considered created discussion that continued for an hour and a half. It related to the revocation by the Council of Administration at the recent meeting in New York of the charter of Post Hernden, No. 107, of Shortsville, Ontario county, for issuing a circular favoring | installation ceremonies Commander Sprague dethe choice at the recent State election of General Slocum, the Democratic candidate for Conof the Guard, and six comrades, who will re- gressman-at-large. A motion to adopt the report of the committee on credentials, which ignored those of Post Hernden, was met by a substitute to accept Post Hernden's credentials. It was represented in the course of the argument that the political circular was not issued from the rooms of Post Hernden, and was not | 298, was recently presented with a handsome the action of that body as an organization. | silk flag by Mr. E. N. Wilson, of New York. General Barnum offered a preamble condemnthe Grand Army, and also a resolution excusing Post Hernden in view of the representa- ately appointed and \$118 collected to meet the tions made, and restoring its charter. The resolution was adopted. The annual reports were then presented. That of Assistant-Adjutant General Hopper gives the following facts concerning the condition of the Order:

Posts 165, 192, 200 and 213 having made no returns,

their charters were revoked at the last annual Encampment. Since then, Post 200 has been reorganized under very favorable auspices, while Post 213 is now in process of reorganization. Nos. 165 and 192 have been assigned to new Posts; 165 at Elmira and 192 at New York city. Eighty-five new Posts have been organized during the past year, of which number one was formed in each of the following places in this vicinity; Johnstown, Granville, Fulton, Malone, Corinth, Hoosick Falls, Cheshire, Cambridge, West Troy, Luzerne, Greenwich and Fort Ann. Posts 176, 188 and 235 having made no returns during the year, it is recommended that their charters be revoked; which will leave 331 Posts in good working order at date of this report, being a net gain of eighty-two Posts for the past year. Of the 331 Posts in good working order, there are sixteen that have not yet made their reports for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 1882, and they, with the twenty-one new Posts, make thirty-seven not reported. The 293 Posts that have reported show a membership of 18,348, a net gain of 4,415 since last annual Encampment. The membership of the thirty-seven Posts that have not made returns, estimated at thirty each, would give 1,110, and show the total membership of the Department to be 19,458, a gain of 5,525. This estimate is based on the reports of the twenty new Posts last organized, who have made returns averaging thirty-five each. The following Posts show a membership of over 200: As usual, Koltes Post, No. 32, takes the lead Haven, Conn. Among the veterans present by a membership of 493; Rankin Post, No. 10, 410; were Curtiss Reynolds, Cyrus Tuttle, Joseph Chapin Post, No. 2, 336; Lew Benedict Post, No. 5, 334; Mansfield Post, No. 35, 326; Dahlgren Post, No. 113, 288; Perry Post, No. 89, 268; Reno Post, No. 44, 254; Willard Post, No. 34, 243; I. O. Morris Post, No. 121, 233; Watrous Post, No. 30, 204. Number of mem-bership in good standing at last annual report, 13,933. The following will show the gains: By muster, 6,133; y transfer, 320; by reinstatement, 1,259; total gain, 7.712. The losses are as follows: By death, 246; by honorable discharge, 110; by transfer, 410; by suspension, 2,310; by dishonorable discharge, 20; total oss, 3,096; number remaining in good standing at this date, 18,348; estimated, thirty-seven Posts, at thirty members each, 1,110; number reported in suspension, 1,538; grand total, 22,096. Three Posts wagain of over 100 each during the year: Mansfield Post, No. 35, of 187; James M. Brown Post, No. 285, of 132, and Lew Benedict Post, No. 5, of 105. The largest net gain (187) is shown by Mansfield Post, No. 35, of Brooklyn, which has now a membership of 326; 227 Posts show net gains, 57 Posts show net losses, 9 Posts show neither gain nor loss during the year. The amount expended for relief, as shown by the returns of 136 Posts, is \$15,476.65, being an excess of \$1,886.81 over the previous year. Of the sum expended for relief more than two-thirds of the entire amount has been expended by 10 Posts, to wit: No. 32, \$3,149.53; No. 62, \$1,348.25; No. 44, \$1,175.50; No. 113, \$1,042.50; No. 10, \$1,002.95; No. 77, \$869.86; No. 35, \$727.50; No. 24, \$554; No. 11, \$496.51; No. 89, \$412.27. At the last annual Encampment seven counties in the State were reported as having no Grand Army Posts. I am glad to be able to report that Posts have been since organized in Chautauqua, Franklin, Jefferson, Putnam and Washington, leaving Clinton and Hamilton the only counties without Posts. The Council of Administration have held four meetings during the year. The sale of more than 5,000 G. A. R. badges, and 16,000 blank applications for membership, during the past year is perhaps one of the best evidences of the increase of interest among the mem-bers of our Order in this Department.

Quartermaster Dempsey's report makes the following showing of the condition of the Department treasury: \$14,461 82 Receipts for the year ..

Disbursements for the year 9,583 80 Releace on hand Assets of the Department.. 5,654 52 None.

Balloting for officers began at 1:30 o'clock on The nominees for commander were: Keith.

Commander, Frank E. Rich, Post No. 18, Rochester; Walker, of Brooklyn, and Murray,

Greene, Post No. 4, Providence. Department | The other nominations were were as follows: Chaplain, Rev. D. C. Easton, Post No. 1, S. V. C., H. K. Hall, of Little Falls; General Providence. Council of Administration, Geo. Parker, of New York; Colored Pay, of New and 25th ult. The report of General E. L. General J. I. Curtin, of Post No. 95, of Belle-A. Wallace, Post No. 1; John M. Barker, Post | York; Charles McIntosh, of Ithaca. J. V. C., No. 11; John F. Hanson, Post No. 10; John H. Andrew Davidson, of Cooperstown; George B. Francis, Post No. 13; Edward W. Greene, Post | Potter, of Gloversville; Frank V. Jones, of No. 17. Delegates to National Encampment, Newburgh, M. D., William H. Hall, of Sara-Charles A. Barber, Post No. 1; Daniel C. Easton, toga, Charlein, Rev. J. H. Gunning, of Nyack; Post No. I. Alternates, Henry C. Luther, Post | Rev. J. S. Tiarkey, of New York; Rev. J. H.

three senior officers of the Department were ap- The first ballot showed General Reynolds in pointed a committee to arrange for a Depart- | the lead. | Each of the other candidates, with ment excursion during the coming summer. On | the exception of Keith, then withdrew. An motion of Past Department Commander effort was made to declare Reynolds the unani-Brayton, the thanks of the Encampment were | mous choice, but Keith objected, and pluckily tendered to the retiring Department Com- asserted that he was in the race to stay. A

The officers elected were as follows: Department Commander, General Reynolds, of Rochtendered to Prescott Post for the use of their ester; S. V. C., H. Clay Hall, of Little Falls; J. V. C. Frank Z. Jones, of Newburgh; M. D., William H. Hall, of Saratoga; Chaplain, J. H.

Gunning, of Nyack. Council of Administration-William C. Booth, of Brooklyn; A. Howell, of New York; T. L. Pool, of Syracuse; W. Blasic, of Albany; J. M.

Delegates to the National Encampment-Henry W. Sloeum, at large; C. A. McArthur, John M. Farquhar, H. J. Swift, John W. Jacobus, Thomas N. Scott, T. C. Miles, John Parks, E. Goodrich, E. A. Nash, A. J. Larish, John E. Savory, A. H. Spear, W. Q. Huggins, N. Cheney, William L. DeLacy, A. D. Limberger, L. P. Thompson, George D. Story, W. J. Sherman, and George A. Cantine.

Alternate delegates were also elected. The officers were installed with brief exercises. It was also decided to hold the next Annual Encampment in Rochester, and the Semi-Annual Encampment at Bath, Steuben county. A resolution was adopted deprecating Island Association, presided over the festivi- the recent attempt by a United States Senator to detract from the fair fame of General George Thompson, the veterans fell to, and in due H. Thomas. The resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the U. S. Senate. The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Encampment endorse the sentiment of the paper presented by George A. Thomas Post, No. 4, and we respectfully call upon Congress to do justice to the pensioners of the late war, and fulfill the promises made that the Government would care for the wounded and disabled soldiers of the war and the dependent ones of those who fell in defease of the Nation. To that end we ask a speedy repeal of the amendment to the Arrears of Pensions act, which amendment was passed March 3, 1879, limiting pensions to date of application unless application was made prior to July 1,

A resolution also prevailed endorsing the \$10 bill. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Post reception of the Grand Army in the celebration of Evacuation day in New York. Buckfield, January 6, 1883-Commander, Thos. | ment, Colonel Metcalf, Lieut.-Col. Pitman, | Considerable other business of minor importance was transacted, and with a vote of thanks to the veterans and citizens of Troy the Enand third Saturday each month. The latter | tant presented a communication received from | campment adjourned sine die. The delegates Post was numbered to fill a vacancy caused by the G. A. R. suggesting united effort to secure afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Troy House, during which many eloquent speeches were made.

In New York city, on last Saturday evening, ment, has been accepted, the same having been oring the same, President Nickerson moved the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army ointment of a committee of three to act | of the Republic presented Ferdinand P. Earle of Post 43, of which he was a member. Com- on behalf of the regiment in furtherance of the the chairman of the Citizens' Auxiliary Comobject sought. At Prescott Post Hall was held | mittee, with a magnificent gold badge set with the eighth winter Reunion of the United States | diamonds. The badge is of very handsome Veteran Association, composed of war veterans | design, the monogram of Captain Earle being belonging to other than Rhode Island regi- made of diamonds. It was the united gift of ments, and representing nearly every State all the Posts of the Grand Army in this in the Union, and every branch of service. city, in appreciation of the labor of Captain Earle previous to last Decoration Day, when, nearly half of whom gathered at the appointed | through him and the citizens' committee, large hour, and were called to order by the President, sums of money were raised toward its observance. Nearly all the Post Commanders of 1882 were present, also Past Depr.-Com. Frazer, Adjutant-General Hopper and his assistant, B. F. Finley; Commander Farquhar, of Buffalo; Lehman Israels, of the National Staff, and R., and others. The business routine was disothers. The presentation was made by General patched with promptness and unanimity, the | Barnum, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, in the dining-room of Earle's Hotel, which had been appropriately arranged for the occation of a resolution requesting the Legislature | sion. Short speeches, over a well-spread table, to take action relative to the preservation of and varied singing amused the company until the war records of the Rhode Island regiments. | a late hour.

Piper Post, No. 273, Henderson, Jefferson co., N. Y., organized last July with seventeen members, at length has, by its integrity of purpose, overcome an unreasoning and unreasonable opposition manifested by some who did not understand the object of the Order, and is now flourishing. Its members have more than doubled and many new recruits will be mustered before the year is out. A fine hall has been procured for a Post room. The first public installation of officers was held on the 19th ult., when Comrade J. L. Wilkinson installed the S. V. C., B. E. Seaton; J. V. C., F. N. Kilby : O. D., J. B. Algate; Q. M., Frank Hadcock; Chap., R. E. Spicer; Surg., L. A. Andrews; Adj't, A. G. Lawrence; O. G., W. H. Comstock; Q. M. S., E. B. Kilby; S. M., S. H. Penny. After the livered an address, in which he explained how the organization of the G. A. R. came to be formed, and what its objects were. The address was well received, and a resolution of thanks tendered the speaker.

Comrade Willard Johnson, Kendall, New York, writes us that David Jones Post, No. The Post was organized October 20, 1882, on funeral expenses and aid the family of the deceased. Two entertainments given for the benefit of the Post realized \$90. The officers of No. 298 are: Commander, P. R. Woodcock; S. V. C., M. W. Kidder; J. V. C., William H. B. Rowe; Adjutant, Willard Johnson; Q. M., J. W. Simpkins; Chaplain, C. L. Barber; Surgeon, C. Sulistead; O. D., Allen Feathers; O. G., A Ritz; Serg't Maj., William Shaw, and Q. M. Serg't, J. Holverson.

Edward Hurlbert, Orrin Brown and Marcus Riker, who came from Ithica for the purpose. Montgomery; S. V. C., William W. Kennedy; O. G., Charles T. Fitts; Adj't, Frank M. Lewis;

Sheridan Crandall Post, No. 225, West Bloomfield, N. Y., has installed the following officers: Commander, E. E. Bond; S. V. C., C. E. Baker; J. V. C., E. F. Worthington; Adjutant, H. B. Webb; Chaplain, E. A. Chapin; Surg., Dr. G. gate, E. H. Millington; Alternate, L. A. Taylor Delegate to "Veterans' Rights Union," G. I.

Mustering Officer Fred. E. Ranger and other comrades of Post Wing, Glens Falls, N. Y., on the 23d ult., organized Post Lew Washburn, No. 335, at Fort Ann, N. Y. The following officers were installed: Commander, James H. Gannon; S. V. C., H. B. Coleman; J. V. C., Le Roy Barnard; Adj't, S. C. Gibbs; Surg., J. Cunningham; Chap., J. H. Robinson; Q. M., P. L. Haskins; O. D., Julius Swift; O. G., A. C. Vaughn; S. M., R. F. Sutherland; Q. M. S., D. E. Needham; I. S., Joel Harvey.

At the recent public installation of officers of Garfield Post, Pike, New York, Comrade H. Besancon, in behalf of the donor, an absent comrade—Capt, Albert O. Skitf—presented the bridge. The gift was accepted by Comrade A. Speeches were made by Comrades Hall, Luther, Murphy, and Rev. Matt. Gaffney, of Gainesville. The Post has now nearly fifty members.

Comrade Even Canfield, Whitney's Point, New York, sends us four more new subscribers, and states that Eldridge Post, No. 199, of that place, now numbers eighty-seven members, and the Post is giving a course of lectures this winter for the benefit of its relief fund. The earnest and determined manner in which it stands by the cause of our soldiers has gained a great reputation for it in that section of the State.

Comrade Gregoire Inssee, Cheshire, New York, sends us eight more subscribers, and states that a new Post has recently been established there with twenty-three members and good prospects for a large increase. He adds: We thought we wanted a Grand Army paper, and having seen THE TRIBUNE, concluded it was what we needed."

The "Favorite Prescription" of Dr. Pierce cures "female weakness" and kindred affecNEW JERSEY.

The annual Eucampment of the Department of New Jersey was held in Trenton on the 24th on Wednesday night, January 10, by Comrade Campbell, Department Commander, showed fonte, and other members of the Order from that there are now about 5,000 members in the Over \$6,000 was distributed during the year for charitable purposes. The receipts of the Department for the year were \$30,639.80, and the lisbursements \$28,340.28, leaving a balance of 2.299,52 to the credit of the general fund. For haritable objects the Department received 8.124.85, and disbursed \$6.006.68, leaving a balance of \$2,118.32. On the night of the 24th a grand banquet was given at the American House, which was attended by Commander-insecond ballot was then had, Reynolds receiving | Chief Paul Van Dervoort, and a large number of distinguished comrades from other States. The first speaker was Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort. He alluded to the growth of the Grand Army, which now numbers over 150,000, and asked that the list be swelled to over 200,-000 before another year has passed. The organization was an honor to the land. To preserve it so, the Grand Army must, of all things. he kept free from the contaminating touch of polities. The day will come when Grand Army adges will not be so thick as now, but while the comrades remain, they must maintain the glory of that badge, for it out-ranks any of the glittering decorations that are given beyond the water. [Applause.] It tells a tale of duty, of a parting years ago with wife and mother, brother and sister; of an expedition far away into the hostile South; of doing and daring, suffering and toil, to perpetuate the Union. You may be poor in worldly goods, but you are rich in the possession of a badge that men would give millions if they could purchase it and the glory it represents. [Applause.] Senalor Taylor responded to the toast to the State, and Comrade Charles Burrows, of Rutherford, N. J., spoke to the sentiment, "The cause for | Vanderslice has appointed the following comwhich we fought-with malice toward none, rades as members of the Reynolds Monument and charity to all," concluding with the recita- Committee: Comrades Louis Wagner, Post 6, tion of George P. Lathrop's stirring poem: Philadelphia; John Taylor, Q. M. General, Post rade H. M. Nevins responded to the toast to | Monongahela, Pa.; L. H. Martin, Post 5, Philathe American soldier. Among the other speak- delphia; S. M. Jackson, Post 89, Apollo, Pa.; ers were Judge Beechan, General Stryker, G. W. Palmer, Post 191, Philadelphia; Alex. Comrades Van Seiver, and Van Reiper, General | Reed, Post 1, Philadelphia. The monument James F. Rusling, Captain E. C. Stahl, and referred to is to be an equestrian statue to the Comrades C. P. Brown and Toombs. The fol- memory of Major-General John F. Reynolds, lowing were elected officers for the ensuing | who was killed at Gettysburg, and toward which year; Commander, Geo. B. Fielder of Jersey Mr. J. E. Temple contributed the magnificent City; S. V. C., A. M. Way, of New Brunswick; sum of \$25,000. The statue is now in course of J. V. C., Wm. B. Miller, of Camden; M. D., Dr. | preparation by the distinguished sculptor, Mr. W. W. Phillips, of Trenton; Chap., Rev. J. L. Davis, of Orange; Delegate at large to National Encampment, W. G. White, of Vineland; Delegates, W. B. Titus, C. P. Richeler, J. P. Yerkes, . W. Parkhurst, J. W. Thompson; Council of Administration, C. P. Richeler, F. Riley, R. A. Peloubet, Chas Burrows, W. H. Rightman.

The following are officers of Edward Townsend Post, Cape May Court-House, New Jersey: Commander, A. E. Lyons; S. V. C., John Spalding; J. V. C., David D. Burch; Chaplain, Wil-Crawford, Jr. At the installation Comrad William L. Jones was presented with a handsome Chaplain's badge. It is the intention of the Post to form an auxiliary Post, composed of the wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of the members, for the purpose of giving such aid to the workings of the Post as the gentle hands of woman alone can.

MARYLAND.

The annual Encampment of the Department | ment, James Cole. of Maryland was held on the 23d ult, at Wilson Post Hall, Baltimore. Graham Dukehart, A. Thompson, Jr., acting secretary. There was a large attendance of Delegates from the different Posts throughout the State. A resolution was passed thanking General John A. Logan for the efforts made by him to prevent the reinstatement of General Fitz-John Porter, and a committee—consisting of Mile V. Bailey, W. E. Griffith, and George B. Creamer-was appointed to present the resolution to General Logan. A resolution was also adopted asking the United States Senate to pass the House bill providing for the pay of certain officers who were appointed and not mustered, because their regiments were below the minimum that would entitle them to that grade. A committee-consisting of Comrades G. W. F. Vernon, W. E. Griffith, and M. V. Bailey-was authorized to present the resolution to the Senate. The House bill provides for the payment of such officers, but an amendment is being conthe officers will be benefited, and not all, such as provided for in the House bill. The annual election resulted as follows: Department Commander, John H. Suter, of Wilson Post; S. V. C., Henry J. Johnson; J. V. C., A. G. Alford; Chap., Rev. Henry Edwards, of Post 4, Hagerstown; M. D., Dr. A. W. Dodge; Council of Administration, E. H. Dunn, Post 8; M. V. Baiey, Post 1; Thomas Hill, Post 21, Frostburg; Leroy Baldwin, Post 6; James E. Cooper, Post 16; Delegate-at-large to the National Encampment, George B. Creamer, Post 1; Alternateat-large, Robert S. Rodgers, Post 28, Havre-de-Grace; Delegates, W. W. Walker, Post 4, Hagerstown; W. O. Saville, Post 1; Alternates, A. C. Evans, Post 1, and J. W. Saville, Post 3. Resolutions of thanks were passed to the reing any and all attempts to bring politics into | which date one of its charter members died | tiring officers and to Wilson Post for the use of suddenly. A relief committee was immedi- its hall. After some routine business the ses-

ment of Maryland, called on Senator Logan case. The interview took place in the room of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Carpenter Post, No. 321, Dryden, N. Y., was glad that his course was approved by the soi- Orcott, Austinburg; J. S. Rhodes, Fort Recovrecently mustered by Comrades N. G. White, dier element, and he could not express more ery; W. S. Meek, Martin's Ferry. John McIntosh, E. B. Randolph, D. D. Merele, gratification if he was to make a four hours' speech. A committee of the same organization, consisting of Col. G. W. F. Vernon and The officers of the Post are: Commander, D. R. | Messrs. Griffith and Bailey, presented to Gen. Logan resolutions praying the Senate to pass J. V. C., William J. Lumbard; Surg., Dr. J. J. House bill for the relief of certain volunteer Montgomery; Chaplain, (to be supplied); Q. | officers who were commissioned and actually M., James C. Lormore; O. D., N. G. Harmon; performed the duties of the grade for which commissioned, but who were refused muster by S. M., Thomas Burch; Q. M. S., Thad, S. Duell. reason of the army regulations prohibiting the same in consequence of their respective commands being below the minimum number prescribed by law.

Postmaster Johnson, of Cumberland, Md., in company with Representative Urner, called H. Bennett; O. D., S. B. Hunt; O. G., Oliver last Thursday on Dr. Loring, Commissioner of installed; Commander, Wm. P. Ellis; S. V. C., Allen; Q. M., H. D. Hale; Committee of Ar. Agriculture, and extended to him an invitation | John H. Ackers; J. V. C., G. W. Mcwide; rangements, E. E. Bond, C. E. Baker, L. A. to deliver a lecture before Tyler Post, G. A. R., Adj't, James Ramsey; Q. M., J. G. Miller; Taylor, Len Burton and Oliver Allen; Dele- of Cumberland. Dr. Loring accepted, and will Chap., Rev. R. E. Hawley; Surg., J. L. Moore;

PENNSYLVANIA.

E. E. Higbee, superintendent of Soldiers Orphans' Schools in Pennsylvania, has pub lished in pamphlet form a list of all the soldiers' orphans now in the schools under care of the State, and who will become sixteen years old and be discharged during the current year. Copies of this list will be sent to each G. A. R. post and to numerous soldiers and citizens, The object in view is to interest as many as possible in obtaining homes and employment for the orphans upon leaving school. All desiring it can obtain the home addresses of the children and information concerning their character, requirements, &c., from the principals of Comrade—Capt, Albert O. Skiff—presented the Post with a portrait of Commander Frank Lilliin the list. The total number leaving on age during the year closing December 31, 1883, will P. Watson. It will be hung in the Post ball. | be 331. Comrade Samuel R. Bachtel, chairman of Soldiers' Orphans' School Committee, of Post power on application at headquarters, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Posts in Centre county, Pa., show a gratifying increase of strength. Several are about six moths old, and they have multiplied as follows: No. 272, Pine Grove, 114 per cent.; Milesburg, No. 261, 80 per cent.; Howard, No. 262, 40 per cent.; Unionville, No. 263, 40 per cent. Centre Hall, No. 282, 31 per cent. : Snow Shoe, No. 278, had many more than any of the others mustered as charter members, vet the increase is 30 per cent. Now, beside this, each Post has from three to twenty applications from recruits wishing to be mustered; No. 261. Milesburg, having the most, twenty. Among the most recently mustered in the county are Bierly Post, No. 298, at Rebersburg, and No. 302, at Eagleville. The officers of Bierly Post sie Long; O. G., Charles Bierly; Delegate, Hon. | Thomas Chandler; Adj't, J. B. Sims.

Henry Meyer; Alternate to Encampment held

January 31, M. A. Landis. Post No. 302, Blanchard, Pa., was organized various places. A large delegation from Post State, an increase of over 600 for the year. 122, Lock Haven, was present. Supper was partaken of at Kunes' Hotel, after which the isitors were escorted to Quigley Hall and the officers of the new Post were installed as follows: Commander, William Singer; S. V. C., Uriah Kitchen; J. V. C., J. E. Eaton; Chaplain, H. Lucas; Surgeon, C. McCloskey; Q. M., J. A. Quigley; Adj't, T. A. Snyder; O. D., John Abbott; S. M., H. A. Snyder; O. S., Peter Mar-Members of Post 95, of Bellefonte; 122, of Lock Haven; 261, of Milesburg, and 262, of Howard, participated in the ceremony. Instructions were given the recruits by aid of a sciopticen. The effect produced was grand.

Over one hundred members of Post No. 2, Philadelphia, went to Doylestown, Pa., on the 23d ultimo, to take part in the mustering of General William L. Bodine Post, No. 306, at that place. The delegation was received by company G. Sixth regiment, and escorted to the Fountain House for supper, after which the line of march was taken to Lenape Hall, when Comrade Louis R. Fortescue, Commander of Post No. 2, organized the new Post. It starts with thirty-five members, and was gotten up mainly through the efforts of Comrade Charles A. Cuffel, who was chosen its Commander. The following are the newly installed officers: Commander, Charles A. Cuffel; S. V. C., C. K. Frankenfield; J. V. C., John Townsend; Q. M., John Hargrave; Chaplain, Joseph Fulton; O. D., D. W. C. Calendar; O. G., J. T. Atkinson; Surg., Dr. F. Swartzlander; Adj't, T. P. Miller.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the semi-annual Encampment at Gettysburg, July 26, 1882, Department Commander John M. Keenan's Charge at Chancellorsville." Com- 51, Philadelphia; Chili W. Hazard, Post 60, John Rogers.

The Reunion and banquet of the Survivors' Association, Company I, Twenty-ninth P. V. V., took place on the 24th ult. at Mænnerchor Hall, Philadelphia, at which seventeen members were present. Among the invited guests were Comrades L. R. Fortescue, Wilson, Shiedt and Naulty, of Post 2, and Ennis and Beane, of Boston. After discussing an elegant repast the balance of the evening was spent in listening to the stories, songs and witticisms of Comrades liam L. Jones; Surgeon, Dr. James D. Linton; Wilson, Tomlinson, Callahan, Fortescue, Smith, Adjutant, Richard Shimp; O. D., George Grace; Wiley and John C. Schur, the latter being a Q. M., Joseph Abrams; Q. M. Serg't, Jno. Leam- hero of three wars-the Florida, Mexican and ing; Serg't Maj., Alex. Douglass; O. G., Page rebellion, and is now seventy-one years of age.

Sharon Centre, Pa., as correspondent for The TRIBUNE from that place, and sends the following names of officers of the Post: Commander, S. J. White; S. V. C., Asael Christman; M., Dana Drake; Adj't, A. E. Graves; Chaplain, J. Failing; Sugeon, E. Crocker; O. G., J. Blavvelt; Q. M. S., J. Burdic; S. M., F. Hallett; Representative to Department Encamp- | Chief Van Dervoort's response, he said that

Comrade H. H. Bonner, Commander of Gregg Post, No. 95, Bellefonte, Pa., just after his in-Department Commander, presided, with John | stallation, made a brief but comprehensive speech to the Post. After returning thanks for the honor conferred, he strongly urged a regular attendance at meetings and a thorough familiarity with the manual and ritual of the G. A. R., as well as with the constitution and by-laws of the Post.

Comrade Thomas Taylor, Emlenton, Venango co., Pa., writes us that the following have been installed as officers of Col. Chapman Biddle Post, No. 248.: Commander, M. Davidson; S.V. C., Uriah Sloan; J. V. C., Thomas Taylor; Q. M., J. R. Donnelly; O. D., Jos. Baish; O. G., H. Ginter; Adj't, A. Krear; Chap., J. Anchors; Surg., J. E. Hall.

Officers of Wilson Colwell Post, No. 291, Oakland, Penn., are: Commander, David Barret; S. V. C., David Heckendon; J. V. C., David Moore; Chaplain, J. C. McIntire; O. D., Josiah Lish; O. D., Simon Stokes; Q. M., George H. sidered in the Senate, whereby only some of Reedy; Adj't, ---; Surgeon, W. S. Hosack; Q. M. S., M. Cavender.

OHIO. The comrades and citizens of Zanesville,

Ohio, are already talking about the annual State Encampment which meets there in the third week of January next year. Hazlett Post will entertain the delegates. At the recent Encampment at Youngstown the following comrades were selected to represent the Buck- articles for the decoration of the Post hall. eye State in the National Encampment which will meet in Denver, Colorado, the last week of August: Delegates at Large, John O. McGowan, Youngstown, Alternate, General Slocum, Ashland. Delegates, L. D. Griswold, Elyria; C. H. Grosvenor, Athens; C. A. Santmyer, Carthage; William Horne, Salem; R. Alcott, Fostoria; W. O. Myers, Canton; R. B. Brown, Zanesville; R. Austin, Toledo; G. W. Chase, Comrades Milo V. Bailey, W. E. Griffith, and Newark; W. G. Beatty, Cardington; T. M. George B. Creamer, a committee of the Depart- | Sechler, Cincinnati; D. C. Putnam, Springfield; W. J. Elliott, Columbus; T. D. McGillicudy, recently and presented him an engrossed copy | Akron. Alternates, D. W. H. Day, Bowling of resolutions passed by that organization com- | Green; E. J. Pocock, Coshocton; S. W. Whitemending his action in the Fitz-John Porter | field, Cincinnati; J. N. Clark, Wooster: A. C. Mathers, Gilboy; Frank M. Young, Weston; C. N. Bancroft, Columbus; J. St. John Clark-Senator Logan took the resolutions and thanked | son, Dayton; M. M. McCoy, Kingston; William

Comrade Henry Guckert, Marietta, Ohio, writes us that the Post there has 119 members. \$600 in U.S. 3 per cents., and \$100 in the hands of the Committee on Charity. The officers are: Commander, E. P. Bartlett; S. V. C., C. A. Miller; J. V. C., B. P. Baley; Surg., J. D. Cotton; Chaplain, Wm. Pierce; O. D., D. W. Dow; O. G., J. G. Goldsmith.

INDIANA. Comrade G. W. McBride, Washington, Ind.,

writes us that Garber Post, No. 72, at that place, has eighty members, and is in a flourishing condition. The following officers have been O. D., Wm. Kenedy; O. G., John W. Dunbar, This Post recently gave a Camp-fire and enter- | more than double that number. The officers tainmant at the Opera House, which was attended by upwards of 2,000 persons. A feature of the occasion was a broom drill, admirably ford; O. D., M. A. Merryfield; O. G., J. Van executed by a corps of young ladies. A stirring address was delivered by Comrade Rev. R. S. Hawley, in the course of which he said: "This Post was organized on the 25th of last May. Its | Commander, N. J. Stewert; S. V. C., Miron number is seventy-two and it is named for Col. Clarber, the brave commander of the Twentyfourth Indiana regiment. He gave up his life for his country on the battle-field of Shiloh. Since our organization fifty new Posts within the State have been formed, making 122 Posts in the State reported by the 9th of December." Comrade Cragor wore a belt given him by a Confederate soldier he captured in battle. The buckle is an interesting feature, the hook being a serpent.

Comrade Thomas Hubler writes us that he has been appointed by Kosciusko Post, No. 114, Warsaw, Ind., as correspondent for The TRIB-2, will gladly give all the information in his UNE from that place. He says that the Campfire recently held by the Post was a pronounced success, over 350 old vets, including delegations from Post No. 40, Fort Wayne, being present. A number of toasts were given and responded to. Comrade Kensill's (Post 40) poetical response to "Rank and File" was admirable, as | house many months with asthma, contracted was also his singing of army songs. Comrades | while serving in the army, and three rousing Bomard, Foster and Leymoin also spoke, and did full justice to their subjects. The officers | cheers did him more good than all the doctors of the Post are: Commander, Nate C. Welsh; ever did. The supper was a voluntary contri-S.V. C., J. B. Dodge; J.V. C., J. N. Runyan; O. D., Robert M. Hickman; Ad'jt., Thos. Hubler; old soldiers, and right royally were they served O. G., S. W. Casana; Q. M., E. M. Chaplin; Surg., Wm. P. Seymour; Chap., F. Moro; S. M., A. J. Bates; Q. M. S., F. E. Olney.

Comrade J. B. Sims, Middle Fork, Indiana, writes us that General Reynolds Post, No. 122, recently mustered there, has installed the following officers: Commander, Captain Lewis are: Commander, S. M. Spangler; S. V. C., Jno. Sims; S. V. C., Joseph Warwick; J. V. C., John A. Miller; J. V. C., T. E. Royer; Chaplain, Rev. Elder; O. D., M. Younkin; O. G., M. Weltz; W. M. Landis; Q. M., G. H. Royer; O. D., Jes- Q. M., Karl Reif; Surg., John Gum; Chaplain,

ILLINOIS.

Mustering Officer Harper, assisted by Comrades from Posts at Elmwood, Peoria and Princeville, on the 19th ult. mustered Post No. 177, at Brimfield, Ill., with eighteen charter members. The following officers were installed: Commander, G. L. Wetherwax; S. V. C., H. J. Wyman; J. V. C., J. J. Parsell; Q. M., E. K. Hayes; Surg., P. Swimm; Chap., Steven Brink; O. D., M. P. Reed; O. G., I. W. Silboway; Adj't, O. S. Walker; Q. M. S., J. King; S. M., E. W. Foster. After the installation Comrade Rowcliffe, Bryner Post, Peoria, delivered a stirring speech, in which reference was made to the fact that ex-rebels were now elected and appointed to offices to the exclusion of old veterans. Addresses by Comrade Brink, of Brimfield Post, and by comrades from Elimwood and Princeville Posts followed.

Frank Lowry Post, No. 157, Clinton, Ill., had a public installation of officers on the 19th ult. at De Witt Hall. The hall and stage were handsomely decorated. Comrade Edwin H. Miner, of Bloomington, installed the officers, after which he delivered his lecture on "Life and Death in Southern Prisons." John January, the soldier without feet, happened to be in Clinton, and attended the installation exercises. Almost everybody in Illinios has heard of John January. He was captured in battle and taken to Andersonville. When he entered the prison pen he weighed about one hundred and eightv pounds; when he was exchanged he weighed less than forty pounds. While a prisoner January was attacked with gangrene in both feet, which resulted in his feet rotting off till they were merely held on by the tendons. The doctors said he must die, and although January begged of them to amputate his feet they refused, telling him it was useless. Driven at last to the point of desparation he backed off his own feet with a blunt knife, and when the news came to the hospital that all of those who could get to the cars would be sent North to be exchanged, January crawled to the depot almost without any clothing on. Frank Lowry Post has now nearly 100 members.

The officers of Harmon Post, No. 115, Hooperton, Illinois, were installed by Comrade W. C. McReynolds, of Kenesaw Post. Danville, Illinois, on the evening of January 12, as follows: Commander, A. H. Trego; S. V. C., D. M. Bingamon; J. V. C., W. R. White; O. D., J. S. Powell; Q. M., J. M. Evans; Surgeon, W. P. Pierce; Adj't, J. M. Sabin; Chap., A. L. Knox; O. G., B. Osborne; Q. M. Serg't, S. Ebbert; Serg't Maj., Charles Hampton. A choir of ladies and gentlemen, of Hooperton, was a delightful addition to the ceremonies. The organ was presided over by Mrs. J. S. Powell, and the singers were Mrs. O. P. Chamberlin, Mrs. H. Lukens, Mrs. O. W. Marston, Mr. A. Strauss, Mr. I. Strauss, and Mr. C. E. Strauss. Among the songs rendered were "America," "I'm Gwine Back to Dixie," "Drifting with the Tide," and "Red, White, and Blue. The ceremonies of installation were closed by a telling speech by Commander Trego and an impressive prayer by Chaplain Knox.

MICHIGAN.

A Camp-fire was held on the 20th ult. at the Comrade L. H. Bailey writes us that he has | Armory, Grand Rapids, Mich., by Custer and been elected by G. H. Barnes Post, No. 175, | Champlin Posts in honor of the visit of Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort. The hall was neatly arranged for the occasion. A cheery looking camp-fire, constructed by Dr. H. C. Stephenson, blazed on one side, and the tables, laden J. V. C., Seth Drake; O. D., Asa Stevens; Q. with biscuit, pickles and other fare, stood in the back portion of the hall. Gen. A. T. McReynolds presided and made an address of welcome. In the course of Commander-inbefore the close of the year he prophesied for the Order a membership of 200,000. Continuing, he said: "I am glad to be greeted in a county that furnished 4,214 soldiers to the Union armies; in a State that furnished 119,048; a State that has in its Memorial Hall at Lansing 124 battle flags, carried on every battlefield; a State 14,885 of whose citizens died to save the Republic and make the American flag the representative of liberty and free speech; that lost more men at Gettysburg than any other State, with the exception of two only, and that had 326 dead at Andersonville."

Comrade George J. Nash, Marcellus, Michigan, writes us that he has been elected correspondent of THE TRIBUNE by Thomas Manning Post, No. 51, of that place, and sends us much interesting news of the Post and its doings. The Post was organized last May, with thirty-nine charter members, which number has been increased to ninety. In all other respects also the Post is flourishing. The officers are: Commander, H. J. Kellogg; S. V. C., H. J. Ohls; J. V. C., B. F. Groner; Adj't, H. M. Nottingham; Q. M., W. R. Sinder; O. D., G. J. Nash; Surgeon, Dr. G. L. Freemyer. They were installed publicly. The occasion was rendered more than usually pleasant to the large audience by an address by the Chaplain, and the delivery of an original war poem by Commander Kellogg. The ladies of Marcellus have been exceedingly kind to the Post, they having presented it with a handsome large Bible, a centre table, four canopies of red, white, and blue for the officers' chairs, and many other

Post No. 104, Spring Hill, Mich., held a Reunion and public installation at Simpson's Hall on the 20th ult., at which the following officers were installed by P. P. C. Alex Davis: Commander, H. M. Davis; S. V. C., I. Rhinehart; J. V. C., T. Stephenson; Chap., J. M. Reynolds; Q. M., Wm Caylor; Surg., I. N. Bell; O. D., John Henry; O. G., A. B. Cothlin; Adj't, Wm. Adams; S. M., Wm. Dickey; Q. M. S., S. B. Hannah. The exercises consisted of a short address by Dr. I. A. Coon, music by Spring Hill cornet band and by the Post martial band, and the singing of old war songs by a choir selected for the occasion. The singing was conducted by Miss Fannie Booth, who also presided at the organ, assisted by Misses Nettie Stahl, Ella Henry, Annie More, Mrs. Hattie Skinner, and a male quartette.

Alexander Post, No. 103, Williamton, Michigan, a reference to whose recent establishment appeared in last week's Tribune, has installed the following officers: Commander, M. L. Robson; S. V. C., A. H. Kinne; J. V. C., Zady Butler; Adjutant, W. H. McEnally; Surgeon, Dr. M. Coad; Chaplain, D. Harkness; Q. M., J. H. Wilson; O. D., E. H. Nichols; O. G., H. Decker; S. M., John D. McCormick; Q. M. S., H. Whipple.

Comrade R. W. Surby sends us from Battle Creek, Michigan, a number of the napkins of the style used at the banquet given by Farragut Post to the delegates to the State Encampment recently held there, for which he has our thanks. They are of Japanese paper of odd and artistic design, and are worthy of preservation both intrinsically and as souvenirs of the event.

Comrade D. E. Young writes us that Corbin Post, No. 88, Union City, organized last October with twenty-five charter members, now has are: Commander, L. L. Harsh; S. V. C., D. L. Merrill; J. V. C., M. Morrill; Q. M., J. J. Ban-Blaricom; Surgeon, E. Brumfield.

George W. Anderson Post, No. 58, De Witt. Mich., has installed the following officers: Case; J. V. C., — Dryer; Adj't, W. Shey; O. D., E. H. Bedell. Comrade Bedell sends us five new subscribers.

WISCONSIN.

John Gillespie Post, No. 50, Kilbourn City, Wis., though organized scarcely three months ago, now has a membership of nearly sixty. The first annual Reunion was held on New Year's night. At about 8 p. m. the comrades 'fell in " at Loomis' Hall, and went through the "manual," under command of Major Guy C. Pierce, after which a march through the streets to the stirring notes of fife and drum was had, and the fact demonstrated that the "old vets" had not wholly forgotten how it was done 'Down in Dixie." While the boys were on the street a halt was ordered before the door of Col. W. J. Kershaw, who has been confined to the cheers were given him. The Colonel says the bution from the wives and sweathearts of the -nothing to tempt the appetite, from indispensable baked beans and coffee, to all the luxuries of civil life, were lacking, and was served from 6 p. m. till 2 a. m. Over 300 sat down to the feast, and after all had eaten their fill, enough was left to run a camp meeting for a

Edgerton Post, Warren's Mills, Wis., is doing well. It is composed mostly of pensioners and is named after a brave comrade who came home from Company D, Tenth Wisconsin, only